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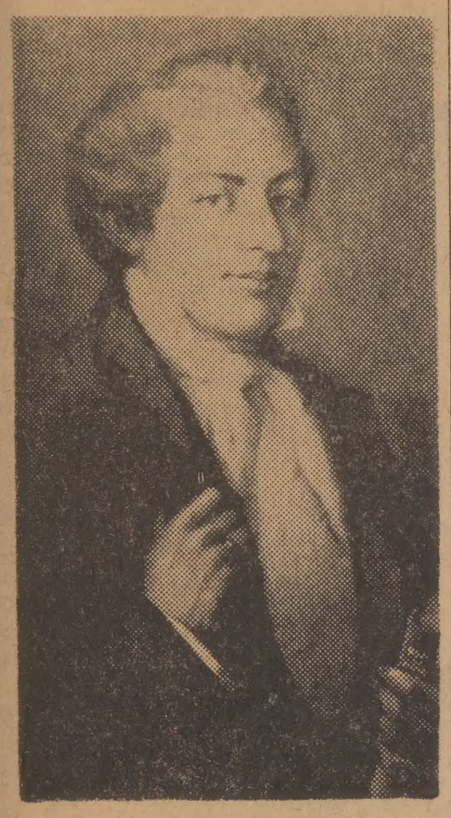
Joseph Smith



Joseph Smith must always share honors with Brigham Young and the Utah Pioneers in the setlement of the Salt Lake Valley. Without him there would have been no Nauvoo and no Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to be emigrated to the valleys of the mountains, whither the Prophet had before predicted the saints would be driven "there to become" he said, "a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains."

James Brown, Lorin Farr of Ogden

The following letter is self-explanatory: "Editor and Manager of The Messenger, Dear Brother Ball: I am enclosing photos and history of the life of my grandfather Lorin Farr and my wife's grandfather, Capt. James Brown. We are very proud to be descendants of two such prominent pioneers. We are leaving for Ogden this week end to be there for the unveiling of the monument July 29. (This monument has been erected in Ogden in honor of Lorin Farr and James Brown). We are members of the Maxwell Park Ward. Very truly yours, Brother Thomas W. Farr and Sister Nellie Brown Farr."

CAPTAIN JAMES BROWN

James Brown, captain of Mormon Battalion and Founder of Ogden, was born September 30, 1801, in North Carolina. He was a resident of Nauvoo and an early missionary in Mississippi. He enlisted in the Mormon Battalion and was made captain of Company C. At Santa Fe he was put in charge of sick detachment and ordered to Pueblo where they spent the winter of 1846-1847.

In the Spring of 1847, he marched with his men by way of Fort Laramie and the South Pass to Salt Lake Valley, arriving July 29, 1847. Early in August he left for California on government business, accompanied by Samuel Brannon, who had come from San Francisco to persuade Brigham Young to go to California.

On his return to Utah he brought, on his pack horses, four bushels of seed wheat, some corn and other seeds. The first year he harvested from some of the seed he brought from California, 100 bushels of wheat, 75 bushels of corn, cabbage, turnips, potatoes and watermelons, and his wife, Mary Mack Brown, made over 1000 pounds of goat cheese. The food he thus produced fed many

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Utah Centennial Notes

President and Ruth Hilton changed their minds the last minute and drove again to Salt Lake to observe the July 24 celebration . . . Claude Nalder, Bishop of San Francisco Ward and his son, Martin, were seen in Salt Lake . . . A chance friendship made in Salt Lake City, Mr. George A. Wootton, proved to have been a Price, Utah, high school friend of our President, W. Glenn Harmon. He remembered especially well the sobriquet, "brainey," which Glenn carried due to his scholastic successes in those days. . . . Leslie and Mrs. Stone, Delbert and Mrs. Rock were seen at the Tabernacle musicale, The Restoration, July 20. . . . Dick Poll, a U. C. history major ,and Mrs. Poll were seen daily keeping their typewriter clicking in the Church Historian's office, working on Dick's doctor's thesis.

Mrs. Clyde Summerhays and children took character parts on the Beneficial Life float in the 24th grand parade. Clyde and wife and sisters were seen at the prize centennial play July 21, "What Doth It Profit?". . . . Mr. and Mrs. George E. Southgate and Earl and Lucile Olsen, recently of Berkeley Ward, were our hosts at dinner and at the great Riding Club's mounted parade in Salt Lake City July 16. . . .Rex McKean was busy greeting his many California friends at his popular auto camp and "Covey's Coffee Shop" . . . . President Barton of San Francisco Stake was seen at the Monument Dedication ceremonies, where 4000 Boy Scouts made an impressive sight, both in their centennial parade July 23. All honor to our fine Boy Scouts and their able leaders . . . Alfred E. Caldwell and wife were Centennial visitors at the Southgate's home on South Main, as were also Mrs. Robert Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cheshires, Rose Gleason, Elma Carr and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes, Kay Noall and David A. Krogue, Bert and

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Ship "Brooklyn" Descendants

Mrs. Hilda Evans Perkins, of Dimond Ward, president of the Oakland Stake Relief Society, is a granddaughter of William and Hannah Evans who came to California on the ship Brooklyn with a Mormon colony July 21, 1846. William Evans, his wife, Hannah, and four children, joined the Church in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1833. The family was of Quaker lineage. As the Quakers lived a very simple life, it was no small sacrifice for these people to make when they left their home and traveled to New York to sail on the famous ship Brooklyn, February 4, 1846, to serve God in a new and untried land.

The family settled in San Francisco and purchased a piece of land which is now the corner of Market street and Van Ness avenue. There the first tailor ship of the West Coast was established. The Evans' home was a mecca for missionaries.

In 1851 only five years after leaving their home, William Evans died, leaving his widow and five small children. In 1856

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Original Pioneers Live In Pac. Grove

The following letter was written July 24, 1947, at Pacific Grove, California:

"Dear Sirs: Some one sent me a copy of your July issue of 'The Messenger,' which I have enjoyed reading. Am inclosing a clipping from same with some more information about descendants of Harriet Page Wheeler Decker Young who is my grandmother. One of the children mentioned, Isaac Perry Decker is my father and Clara Decker Young, wife of Brigham Young, my aunt, which makes Brigham Young my uncle by marriage. (Editor's note, Isaac Perry Decker, mentioned above, was one of the two children

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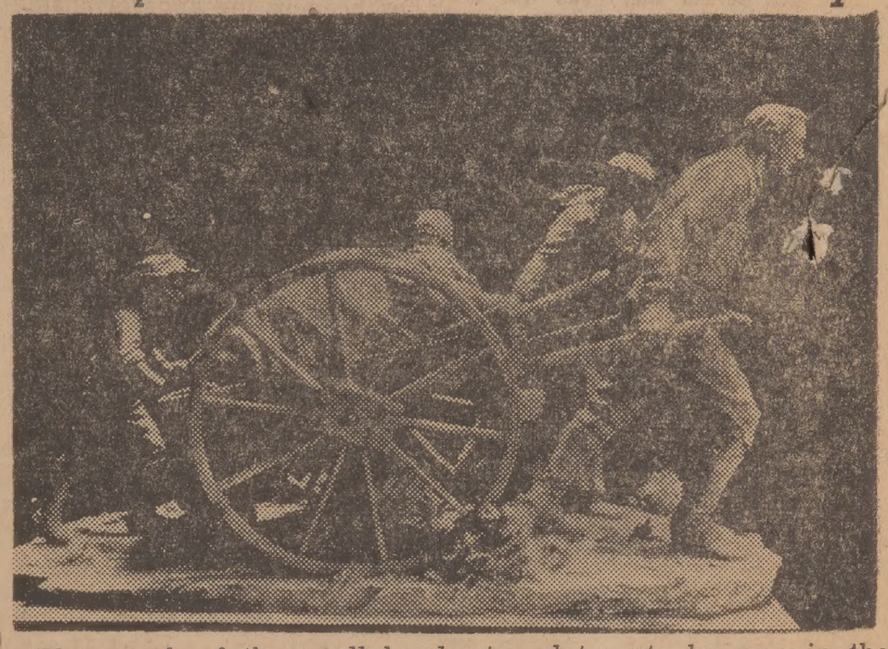
Sculpture Of L.D.S. Handcart Family



Photograph of the small handcart sculpture to be seen in the Bureau of Information, Tabernacle Grounds, Salt Lake City. One notes the home-made hub serving to hold the spokes of the wheel and the other crude parts of the cart. The entire family is helping with the load except the tiny toddler who must ride and be watched by his mother's eye.

Leo Parry's Hand-Cart Ancestors

Leo J. Parry's (Hayward Ward) maternal grandfather, William X. Jones, was a member of Captain Brown's Handcart Company from Council Bluffs to Salt Lake City in 1855. He and his young bride brought their first child with them, an infant.

In order that his wife might have more food he gave her part of his portion because she had a baby to nurse. As a result he became ill. His sickness held up the progress of the company and he, with his wife and child, were finally left by the roadside while the company went on without them.

My grandmother prayed that her husband might be spared and his health restored so they could complete their journey to the land of the Saints. Her prayers were answered and they proceeded on their journey. They finally caught

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Handcart Ancestor Of LaRee Tolman

LaRee Scott Tolman's grandmother, Esther Yeats Scott, walked all the way from Florence, near Omaha, to Salt Lake City, and pulled a handcart, her tired, sore feet wrapped in sacks. A sixteen-year-old girl from Worchester, England, and one year a member of the Church, at Florence, Nebraska, she joined the handcart company of Captain Rawley with 235 Saints, sixty handcarts, and six wagons, arriving in Salt Lake City September 14, 1859, after about three months journeying over mountains and plain.

A year later Captain John Scott won her hand by whom she had seven children, yet always she found time to be busy in Church organizations and in the temples of the Lord. She died in Logan April 21, 1920.
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Mormon Battalion At a Desert Stream

A drawing by a Utah Pioneer Artist, George M. Ottinger, depicting a scene in the heroic march of the Mormon Infantry Battalion from Fort Leavenworth to San Diego. The artist reveals the arrival of the thirsty company at a stream of water where both animals and men plunge in for welcome refreshment after the hot miles of dry and dusty desert trails. Seen in the background are the few covered wagons which carried scanty rations, tents and bedding. At the left the Stars and Stripes are seen as a token of the nation for whose protection the journey was undertaken. Near the flag is seen an Arizona Cactus typical of that southern desert. At the right is shown a rear detachment being welcomed by those already refreshed at the stream.

Berkeley Stake Conference

AUGUST 30-31, 1947
Sessions in the Berkeley Chapel, Vine and Walnut Streets
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
6:30 p.m. - - Welfare meeting
8:00 p.m. - Leadership meeting
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
9:00 a.m. - Priesthood meeting
9:00 a.m. - - Ladies meeting
10:30 a.m. - Conference session
1:00 p.m. Stake Missionary meeting
1:00 p.m. - Conference session
7:00 p.m. - Evening meeting

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates

Oakland—October 25-26.

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Berkeley—August 30-31; November 15-16.

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Business News Notes

Hardware Center, Inc., in Napa, is owned and operated bq four Latter-day Saints, Wayne E. Mayhew, Rex L. Bridges, T. E. Olive and Reed W. Keller. Brother Olive hails from Idaho, but the other three are Utahns. Bro. Keller is bishop, Brother Bridges, a counselor ,and Brother Olive, Sunday School superintendent, all in Napa.

It may not be known that the proprietor of the Kay Ladies' Apparel Shop is Mrs. Whitney, whose husband is a direct descendant of the Whitney family of early Utah history. Mrs. Whitney has been in the apparel business in the East Bay for eight years, five of which have been at the present location, 308 E. 18th street, Oakland.

"Curt" and "Sel" Millward, (Seldon is bishop of Claremont Ward; Curt is a music leader there also), came to California in 1922 and were connected with Safeway Stores for a while; ventured into their own business in 1940, and now have two brothers working with them, Jack and LaVar, together with Rosy and Nan Millward and Mr. McVean.

The Colonial Mortuary, Vinal Mauss, vice-president, is rounding out its tenth year of friendly service in the East Bay.

On August 30 at the Palace hotel in San Francisco, when the State Cosmotologists' Association meets, Ralph Dunford of Alameda Ward will be in the vice-president's chair. He also serves as the president of the Bay Region cosmotologists.

Dr. Leo J. Parry thinks his family was the first L.D.S. family to settle in Hayward. On the 19th of December, 1921, he opened his chiropractic office there, serving also as branch president for many years.

W. E. Henderschott of the Electro-Lab store in Alameda opened his business there and became active in ward affairs in 1945, after service in the radio and radar laboratories with the Navy. Before this he had been "Approved Radio Technician" for Chevrolet in Klamath Falls after training in fine Polytechnic Schools and service in radio and appliance stores in Portland.

Joseph O. Eyring, new Berkeley Stake High Counsellor, reports that Elmer Harker, Claremont Ward builder, has made good progress on the new home the Eyring firm is erecting on Terrace Drive, two blocks from the Arlington. When this home is finished Elmer will begin on the other two.

Former local High Councillor, Rex McKean, now manages "Covey's Coffee Shop," 534 South Main, Salt Lake City, a more-than-thriving business which is owned by Rex, James and Alvin McKean. Rex sends word, along with a subscription to the Messenger, that he is on the High Council of Liberty Stake.

The Bybee Realty people have erected a sample prefabricated redwood cabin, 12x20, at 4312 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland. Curtis says it is city-approved for use as a playroom, tool shed, or for living quarters when properly installed, or an ideal cabin.

Ed Barrett of Berkeley Ward, with a busy office at 2401 University Avenue, keeps himself and two full-time certificated men in pest control work, ranging over Berkeley, Oakland and out into Contra Costa and Alameda counties, eradicating, among chief offenders, rats with their parasicit fleas, and roaches, but also clearing out the numerous insect pests that take free quarters in our homes and business places.

Wendell Martin, out at 6633 Foothill, and his staff were certainly busy the other day when we called. Chromite and linoleum and carpets were the chief foci of attention.

We welcome Wilson and Kratzer, mortuaries of Richmond, to our Messenger columns and thank Bishop Umberger for his introductions.

News From The Southland

(From Calif. Intermountain News, Los Angeles.)

George T. Wride, patriarch to the Los Angeles stake, is the inventor of a new simplified phonetic English, and is dedicating his time to its introduction. Recently the Speech and English departments of B.Y.U., after hearing Elder Wride and going into the matter, recommended that it be given a trial at the "Y."

"Tales of a Triumphant People" is a volume of pioneer histories published by the S. L. County Daughters of the Pioneers, 3000 volumes of 50 pages are available at $3.00.

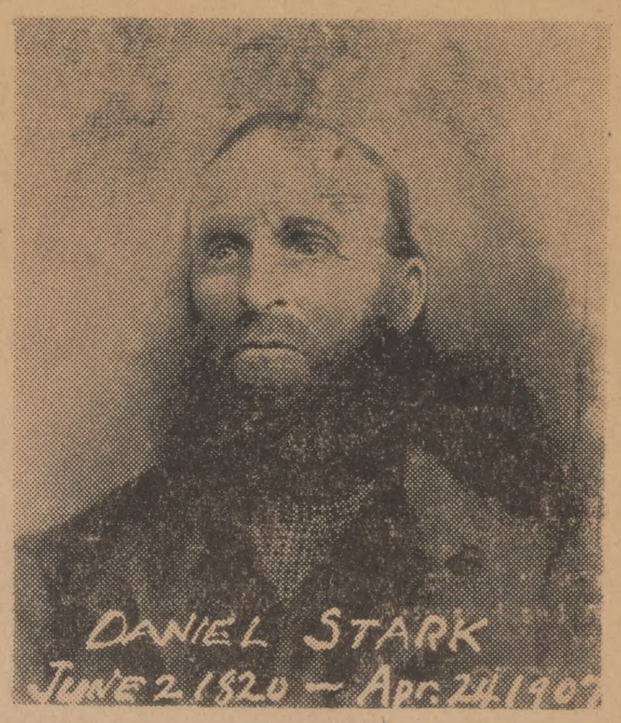
If you wish a free Utah State map for tourists, send to The Utah State Publicity Department, Salt Lake City.

Pomona Ward is erecting a fine $50,000 chapel.

The Pony Express

"In 1859-60 there was established a method of comunication, which, though it lasted but a comparatively short period, is worthy of mention. This was the Pony Express. The system was organized by W. H. Russell, and others, of St. Louis. The plan was to run a light letter mail service across the continent by solitary horsemen carrying fifteen pounds of letters at $5 per half ounce. The stations were twenty-four miles apart, which each rider was required to span at the rate of eight miles an hour as his day's ride. The time for letters was reduced to 13 days betwen N. Y. and S. F. "The high rate prevented the line from being profitable," says Bancroft, "and with the completion of the overland telegraph in 1861, the pony express was practically abandoned." —Robert's Com. Hist. of the Church, Vol. V.

Dr. Ray Fisher and Mrs. Missie Ellsworth (Mrs. Frank B. Ellsworth of Maxwell Park ward) are the son and daughter, respectively, of one of the Utah Express riders, William Frederick Fisher, who kept the Gravelly Fort Pony Express station on the Humboldt river, Nevada. William A. Brossard is also a descendant of this man. In July, 1860, this rider made the 300 miles from Ruby Valley to Salt Lake City in 35 hours, using 16 horses on the trip. William Frederick Fisher later served as the first bishop of Oxford, Idaho, where a monument to his honor is erected.



Daniel Stark

Daniel Stark, an uncle of Isaac B. Ball of Berkeley Stake, was a twenty-six year old passenger on the ship "Brooklyn" which, under the leadership of Sam Brannon, sailed into San Francisco bay, July 31, 1846, with 240 Saints from New York and other Atlantic sea coast centers.

In 1849 Daniel took his wife, Ann Cook Stark, eleven-month old son, John, and adopted daughter, Elizabeth Wallace Bird, to Utah, and there raised two other large families in Payson, Utah county. At a Stark family reunion, held in Liberty Park, Salt Lake Ctiy, July 21, Brother Ball not only secured the above picture of Daniel Stark, but learned that this man's posterity now numbers nearly 300, comprising a typically loyal L.D.S. group.

It is interesting to learn that Daniel Stark, being a journeyman carpenter and an 1845 convert from Boston, was the builder of Sam Brannon's first home and printing office in San Francisco, and that after the first landing of the colony in Yerba Buena in 1846 he served as picket guard for the U. S. Marines. Born in Nova Scotia, the year of the Prophet's First Vision, 1820, he had moved to Boston, and there had served an apprenticeship in carpentry at the time of his conversion in 1845 to the Restored Gospel.

Daniel Stark's son John, an infant on the ship "Brooklyn," later married Amelia Webb, who became the mother of Mrs. Rey L .Pratt. Mrs. Pratt attended the Stark family reunion. The picture of Daniel Stark is a courtesy of L. Van Wagoner, a Stark descendant and the man who now has charge of the Tabernacle organ.

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Berkeley Ward

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Berkeley Ward's Sunday School is assured of continuance of the same high calibre leadership under the superintendency of John Eastmond as it enjoyed for the past year under Joseph C. Eyring. Bro. Eastmond is receiving loyal support from his two counselors, Owen J. Cook and Russell H. Ball. Bro. Eyring's scope of activity is enlarged from Ward to Stake as he has been selected to serve as a member of the Stake High Council.

Milk and newspaper deliveries are gradually being resumed as pioneers of 1947 return to Berkeley with wondrous tales of small-world-ism on the sidewalks of Salt Lake where it was hot enough to fry a Boy Scout every day. Contrary to rumor, no official Ward services were held there as Bishop Denzel C. Allen and family are in Rochelle, Illinois, for three months on business; although the Ward was officially represented by Cornell E. Jarman of the Bishopric.

Probably the only "family" that really licked the housing problem were the 14 Scouts who took along their tents and equipment for the Centennial Encampment.

Wm. F. Sparks was enthusiastically welcomed back to the Ward after nearly two years' absence in various hospitals with tuberculosis. Bill is completely cured and is looking very well. His family and friends are glad to have him home again for good.

The Primary summer program is being conducted under direction of Myrtle I. Gardner, each Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Chapel.

"Problems of the Average Girl" was the theme of the program presented by the girls of Gamma Rho Chi during the regular Genealogical Evening services on Sunday, August 3. It was a very interesting and worthwhile discussion of how they coordinate the situations that arise in their social and religious activities. It was an extra treat hearing Laura Summerhayes ,who is home for the summer from the University of Utah, sing for us again. The closing musical number was by the club chorus.

Oliver and Laurel Fullmer were still basking in the glory of being the newest parents in the Ward when Cousin Russell and Hazel Ball demanded the limelight as Keith Ball arrived to meet his second cousin, Howard Fullmer. The rest of the Ward is enviously giving both families best wishes as THE MESSENGER goes to press. While the boys vie for the male title, the sweetest young thing in town is Allison Call, daughter of Newell and Amy Call.

Covered Wagon and Two Ox Teams

A Reenactment of 1947 Utah Pioneers trek across the plains by by covered wagon and slow-plodding oxen is shown above in faithful detail. Hundreds of Latter-day Saints in the Bay Region can trace ancestry back to those who came by ox-team to Utah and to them as to many others this picture will be of peculiar interest.

Mission Experience

Joseph H. Crowther (known generally as "Harry") of Berkeley Ward, now on a mission in England, at 28 Loughborough Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham, writes interestingly to the Messenger. He says he is having plenty to eat "such as it is." "We are short of so many things that if I were to start mentioning them, it would make it look too bad." He was on the Queen Elizabeth, largest passenger ship in the world. England is a beautiful country, so green and pretty, and the people treat him fine.

Elder Crowther favors us with a faith promoting story out of his first mission as a young man in the state of Arkansas. He says:

"While I was upon my first mission in 1902-1904 in the state of Arkansas, I had many wonderful experiences of the work of the Lord and of His protection to us missionaries traveling without purse or script. On one occasion we were assigned to take a trip some hundred miles by foot. The people all said, 'There is a hotel in the little town ahead about five miles; you can stay there.' We told them we were Missionaries and were traveling without money as did the apostles of old; but that did not do much good.

"So we decided our only chance was to go to the hotel and ask the manager if he could take us in for the night as we were traveling without money and receiving no money for our labors, believing the gospel of Jesus Christ should be taught in that way.

"'Well,' he said, 'I cannot run my business in that way. I have to have the money.' We gave him another hard luck story. So he said 'Well,' come in, then.' We arose early in the morning feeling somewhat tired of our hard and uncomfortable bed. We went to thank him for his kindness. He did not receive us very kindly. He said, 'I want seventy-five cents apiece for your lodging.' We told him again we had no money as we told him the night before. We are teaching the same gospel as did Christ's apostles.

"When he found out we did not have the money he insisted on us leaving one of our grips until we could get the money. So we had to leave one grip and send to the office in Kansas City for the money.

"We finally got our money, and went and paid him and got our grip. We went on our way rejoicing. In a short time we learned a twister cyclone came through the town and did not harm another thing but lit on that little hotel and stayed with it until there was not a thing left of it.

"When we learned what had happened we felt like the apostles who were told by the Savior to shake the dust of their feet to those who would not receive them.

"On our way back the people said we were the cause of the hotel being destroyed. We ought to be killed. We felt more like the servants of the Lord than ever. We are happy for these testimonies and that we are worthy of them. They only come to those who are serving the Lord."

Elder Humphreys

A very interesting letter from Elder Humphreys states that he finds a great work to be done in the Society Islands where 1500 saints are scattered over many of the 90 islands. He and his four young companions were the first missionaries in four years, and have to learn a very difficult language that has only 13 letters in it. However, they can already carry on simple conversations in the native language, and feel that those islands are ripe for Gospel "picking," particularly regarding the 1500 and more Reorganite Church members who are much shaken in their faith in that church since the death of its president who left no son. A cardinal point with them is that the priesthood of presidency must go down from father to son. Six of these Reorganites were ready for baptism at the time of writing.

Elder Humphreys speaks of the high anticipations of the L. D. S. and also all citizens of Papeete regarding the proposed new Chapel and Mission home which is causing a great deal of comment since the recent purchase by the Church of a fine tract of land for this building operation. The editor of the Messenger last week saw the architect's drawings of these elaborate and extremely beautiful structures, with their high central tower, equalling the famous structure of similar nature in Honolulu, and can say that the people of Papeete will not be disappointed when they are erected. "I had better close," concludes Elder Humphreys, "but I would like to bear my testimony that this is the work of the Lord, and I am thrilled that I am a part of it. I have only one regret, that I didn't learn and study more thoroughly the principals of our Church. I took everything for granted."

Primary Convention

Primary Convention will be held jointly for Berkeley and Oakland Stakes on Sept. 20, at Berkeley Ward. Representatives from the General Board in Salt Lake City will be with us, to give us fine material and suggestions for our fall and winter work.

Your Stake Presidencies are taking this opportunity to ask all Ward officers and teachers to keep this date in mind. Plan to be there, it is important for you and your Wards.

The date, September 20—the day, Saturday—the place, Berkeley Ward. You'll be hearing more of this anon!

The Snyders And The Fullmers

Wilford W. Snyder of the Oakland Stake High Council, who lives in San Leandro, comes from the Snyder Pioneer Family who settled in Snyderville, Utah. His father, Ephriam Stockwell Snyder, married Susannah Fullmer, daughter of David Fullmer also an early pioneer. Oliver Fullmer, husband of Laurel Knight, living in Berkeley Ward, is a great-grandson of the original David Fullmer, Utah pioneer, who one time presided over Salt Lake Stake.

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JAMES BROWN, LORIN FARR OF OGDEN

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hungry people who were in dire circumstances in Salt Lake City.

He was noted for his kindliness and generosity. He was a member of the first Territorial Legislature; a counselor to Lorin Farr; a member of the first City Council; the first missionary to British Guiana; emigration agent at New Orleans; also served as assessor, collector and Justice of the Peace in Weber county.

LORIN FARR

Lorin Farr, pioneer religious and civic leader and statesman, was born July 27, 1820, in Vermont, of early American (Revolutionary period) ancestry. A friend and staunch supporter of the Prophet Joseph Smith, with whom he lived temporarily while in Far West, he assisted in the settlement of Nauvoo where he helped build the Temple. At the age of 21 he was set apart by the Prophet Joseph Smith, to go on a mission to Wisconsin. A year later he accepted another mission call to the Middle and Eastern states. Driven from Nauvoo with the Saints, he arrived in Salt Lake with the second company on September 20, 1847. In the Spring of 1850, Brigham Young called him to go to Ogden to preside over the Saints. He was the first president of the Weber Stake and served in that position for 20 years.

In 1851 he became the first Mayor of the newly incorporated City of Ogden, and served for 20 years. Upon his release from ecclesiastical and civic leadership he went to Europe on his third mission. Among his business interests were a dry goods and grocery store, woolen mill, grist mill, saw mill, molasses mill and railroad contracting, (having graded 300 miles of the Central Pacific railroad, employing as many as 2000 men at one time). He owned two farms of 160 acres each. His home was a large colonial house of twenty-one rooms with six fireplaces, and he had a total of thirty-six children.

Oakland Ward

MacArthur Blvd. and Webster Street

A special outdoor party for the Aaronic Priesthood will be held at the Bushrod Park on August 9. There will be lots of games and good refreshments.

Our Ward choir, under the direction of Estherella Kaleikau, enjoyed a very delightful party at the home of James C. Wright on July 3. All of the Bishopric attended, including our former Bishops Doxey and Norberg. The choir is now on vacation for the summer.

The newly organized Chansonette choir, under the direction of Brother Monson, will furnish the music for Sunday evening, August 3.

A baby boy made his appearance at the home of Brother and Sister Ray Shields on June 29. The name they have selected for him is Stephen Ray.

A very lovely reception was held at the home of Brother and Sister, Adrain Hess in honor of their daughter, Donna, who was recently married to Delvar Carter of Salt Lake City.

Brother Lawrence Weaver, who is now serving as a Stake Missionary, was married to Vera Ewing on July 25, by Bishop Mauss. She is a recent convert to our Church.

The marriage of Lela Easton and Joseuh Diquittro will take place in the Chapel of the Flowers on August 10. The ceremony will be performed by Bishop Mauss. The couple will then leave for a three weeks honeymoon in Southern California.

Be sure to watch the bulletin board for coming events!

Martinez Ward

(East End of Arch Street)

The Fireside group sponsored a July 4th dance for our Ward, of which a special feature was the Teen Age band from Martinez. Congratulations to the Fireside group for their continued activities.

A number of Martinez Ward families from Martinez and Concord enjoyed the Stake picnic at Tilden Park, July 26. All participants are anxious for another group picnic in the near future.

There has been no date set for the roller skating party to be held in Martinez within the very near future, but those interested may contact the M.I.A. presidents, Ira Markham or Valentine Dahlin.

Edna Felt gave an inspiring Relief Society lesson July 27, in reviewing the book, "Nauvoo the Beautiful," by Cecil McGavin. A most impressive book, it is recommended to all as one of the best, and well worth anyone's reading time. Also, to be commended on their lessons of July 13 and 20, respectively, Ella Carlson reviewed "The Gauntlet," and Marie Barber brought forth "Problems of the Modern Family."

We deeply regret that our sister Edith McIntire was unable to make the trip home from Utah last month; and pray for her quick recovery.

BOY SCOUTS MAKE SIERRA TRIP

A group of Boy Scouts of Troop No. 188, Martinez, under the direction of Scout Master Leslie R. Korth, took to the high Sierras over the 4th of July weekend.

They arrived in camp on the upper Clark Fork of the Stanislaus river at 1 a.m., Thursday night, where they enjoyed themselves camping in the pines for three days and nights.

Considerable time was spent swimming in the river and hiking in the woods, with the aid of a compass. First aid and signalling were practiced.

The boys became quite excited when several deer were sighted, and it was a tired but happy group of boys that returned to Martinez Sunday evening.

Utah Centennial Notes

(Continued from page 1)

Emma Lou Ludlow, and I. B. Ball, and many others.

The Lion House Cafeteria gave opportunity to meet many old friends: Tracy Cannon, Spencer Cornwall, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Widsoe, Francis and James Kirkham, Thomas Romney, Thomas E. McKay, Mark Peterson, Apostle Merrill. . . . The Deseret Book Store was aglow with new publications, as, Distinctive Salt Lake City, The Gospel Plan, The Burning of the Book, Prelude to the Kingdom, The Truth Seeker and Mormonism, The House of Israel, The Fruits of Religion, Exodus of Modern Israel, The Mormon Pioneers, and Our Book of Mormon.

Old favorites again available, include: Gospel Doctrine, Discourses of Brigham Young, Joseph Smith, An American Prophet, Prophecies of Joseph Smith and their Fulfilment, Utah, the Story of Her People, Mormonism and Masonry, The Psychology of Teaching, Brigham Young, Man of the Hour, and Jesus the Christ. . . .

The Covered Wagon Trek of the Sons of Utah Pioneers from Nauvoo to Salt Lake Valley ended on July 21, 1947, in a mile long parade up Main street to the Brigham Young Monument where a program followed. An inspiring sight. . . . The San Francisco Chinese band, San Diego's Marine band, Rose Bowl band, and the Los Angeles float were distinct contributions to the Grand Parade in Salt Lake City, July 24. . . . . President Truman and the President of Mexico sent congratulatory messages to be read at the Monument dedication ceremonies, July 24. . . . The "This is the Place" Monument exceeds in the number of figures any monument in the world so far as is known. It is a real "wonder of the world" and will continue to win world recognition. . . . The Grand Parade of July 24 was two and one-half miles long and took two hours to pass. More than 125,000 people lined the streets. . . . "Promised Valley" light opera pageant with Alfred Drake of "Oklahoma" fame, and Jet MacDonald, Hollywood star, as leads, and C. Lowell Leas, Broadway producer, as director, is equal to the best Hollywood can offer. The music by Crawford Gates, relative by marriage to Brigham Young, is declared as reaching heights never exceeded by modern composers. The Salt Lake City papers were a unit in their acclaim of this masterful $150,000 production.

Besides those already mentioned above, we have learned that the bishoprics and high councils of Oakland and Berkeley Stakes were well represented, including the following brethern, their wives and some of their families:

W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley; John Murdock of Napa; James H. Kirby of Pittsburg; Nathan G. Tolman, George D. Hughes, Cornell E. Jarman, J. Ed Johnson, Charles J. Taylor, Mabelle Anderson and A. Glenn Spencer, of Berkeley; Delbert F. Wright, Sister Norberg, J. Rulon Doxey of Oakland; Wilford T. Webb of Hayward and Manton Moody, Wendell Martin and Grant Hawkins of Oakland.

Berkeley Stake Youth Banquet

Although the following report of the Berkeley Stake Youth Banquet should have appeared in our last issue, we are presenting it at this time because of its intrinsic merits.

The girls and boys of Berkeley Stake enjoyed an evening together on June 14 at the first Youth Banquet of the new stake. Approximately 250 young folks and leaders sat down to the tables which filled the Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall. It was the largest crowd ever to be served there.

Brother LeRoi Gardner of Berkeley Ward acted as Master of Ceremonies during the program which followed the excellent meal. The program numbers were furnished by the various wards of the Stake—in most cases by the youngsters themselves.

The highlight of the evening came when President Harmon presented the Standard Quorum and Standard Group awards for 1946. Awards were made as follows:

Standard Quorum Awards to
Martinez: Deacons Quorum.
Claremont: Priests Quorum.
Pittsburg: Priests Quorum.

A Standard Group Award was presented to the 17 to 21 year girls' group of Pittsburg—the only girls' group of the Stake to qualify. This was the first year the girls' awards have been given.

Much praise is due the Pittsburg Ward for its excellent record of both boys and girls.

The event closed with all participants looking forward to the banquet next year.

Temple Vision

Not so long ago a certain lady went to one of our temples to do endowment work for one of her kindred dead, but discovered after reaching the temple that she had left her names at home. She was about to leave when someone suggested that she take a "Temple" name. (These are names sent to the Temple by people living far away, who cannot afford to come to the Temples nor have they the means to pay to have the work done.) Grudgingly she accepted such a name. As she was entering the Temple proper, from the annex, the dead person, whose work she was doing, appeared to her and graciously thanked the lady, saying that she had been waiting four hundred years to be liberated!

Brothers and sisters, what are we waiting for? There is no greater nor more thrilling work than work for our kindred dead.

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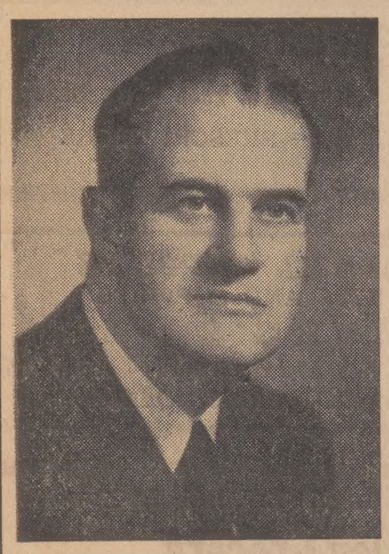

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At The Monument, July 24th, 1947

By RUTH SAVAGE HILTON.

As we drove down Emigration Canyon on Centennial morn, all were vibrant with emotions stirred with the memory of Pioneers. Our drive was timed so that we came through the famous pass into full view of the Salt Lake Valley at the right moment to join a vast assembly of people seated on the hillside around the heroic "This is the Place" monument.

The air was filled with friendliness, memories and expectations. Old Glory was unfurled, and the canyon breeze kept her flying. Sea gulls flew atop the great shaft of granite bearing the sculptured figures of Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Wilford W. Woodruff.

We listened to kind messages from our friends along with the inspired words of our leaders. President McKay said, "Monuments are the links between one generation and the next." "This is the Place" monument, he told us, connotes vision, refuge, radiation of truth, and a place where education, service, freedom of worship shall be given freely to all. President Clark saluted the pioneers as he questioned, "Can we keep and preserve what they brought?"

Thus amidst music, songs, speeches ,great prayers, laughter and even tears, we all sang, "Come, Come Ye Saints." Within each heart may have been a different picture as we recalled the faces ,the courage, the faith of our own who had blazed the way down this path in the century gone; yet the song, the hope, the prayer that each uttered were alike in spirit as we all shared the unforgettable emotions of those three hours on the hillside—being one with a great people at a great moment; sensing the pulse of an assemblage dedicated to the life-giving ideals of the "Mormon" Pioneers.

JOHN HILTON

John Hilton, 6th son of Pres. and Ruth Hilton, to render missionary service has now reached the Brazilian Mission. John served in the navy in the war, and has spent one year at the B.Y.U. Radio is his hobby, but the Gospel will be his theme in Brazil.

Help The Dead Who Helped You

BY NATHAN TOLMAN.

Myriads of our father's dead children who lived lives of worthiness had no opportunity to obey the Gospel during life. Throughout their lives these righteous men and women valiantly strove for religious and political freedom, making the world a better place for us. **It is our high privilege and obligation now to go to their assistance, for their and our eternal happiness.**

In this Centennial year let us trace the forefathers of our pioneers and gather their records with our might from every land. We are all anxious to see our Northern California Temple erected on its East Oakland site, **but all that depends upon the interest we.. show.. locally.. in.. gathering names to work for in that temple.**

Let us be more valiant in this glorious work, for we without our dead cannot be made perfect. They without us cannot progress. We alone can now open the door for them and deliver them from "prison."

During the last war millions of people were deprived of the right to worship, to own property, to enjoy freedom for themselves and families. Now again in many places the rod of oppression is broken. People are again tasting the sweets of liberty.

Sad is the lot of the captive! Great is the joy of the redeemed!

There are other people, vastly more numerous than all the liberated peoples of the world today, still in bondage and anxiously waiting for us to come to their deliverence!

We repeat—it is our high privilege and obligation to go to their assistance for their and our own eternal happiness.

Help the dead who helped you!

Fairfield Branch

Fairfield branch members observed Pioneer Day by travelling to Oak Lake Park in Napa for a picnic and swimming party. Thirty-three members were present.

Branch Clerk John Richardson, who was hospitalized for more than a month as the result of an accident in which most of the bones in his right hand were broken, has now returned home. Brother Richardson will be unable to attend to his church duties for several weeks.

Sunday school attendance was more nearly normal last Sunday with the return of the Blaisdell and Owen families from extended vacation trips in Utah and Idaho.

The Primary group, under the direction of President Opal Oliver and her capable staff of instructors, presented a delightful program Sunday evening, August 3. Sister Eva Rae Rindlisbach announced the program. Special guests were Sister Esise Carman, member of the Stake Primary Association, and her husband from Richmond.

Vallejo Ward News

(1539 Tuolumne Street)

The presidency of the M.I.A. wish to invite the ward members to a picnic and watermelon bust on Saturday, August 15, at Blue Rock Springs. At four p.m. you are to arrive with a lunch. Watermelon and ice cream will be sold for desert. You can enjoy a ball game, program and singing around a fire. Everyone should plan for a joyous evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Olsen have welcomed a baby daughter into their home. She arrived June 30. Mrs. Olsen will be remembered as the former Dora Faye Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lockwood announce the marriage of their daughter, Geraldine, to Harold Kuehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuehl at Reno, Nevada, on May 29. The young couple are now making their home in Vallejo.

Our sympathy is extended to Parley Merrill, a former Vallejo ward member, now of Santa Rosa, whose wife, Frances passed away suddenly.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hill and family spent a four weeks vacation touring points of interest in Utah, Nevada and California. They visited their daughter, Norma Tanner and her family at Boulder and were introduced to their new granddaughter.

On June 15, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitcomb became the proud parents of a baby daughter.

Mrs. Marjorie Pack and son, Brent, of Pasadena, California, visited with her parents, Bishop and Mrs. E. Z. Taylor, the early part of July.

Mrs. Dorothy Taylor and Mrs. Thurza Foster, entertained the Primary officers and teachers at a delightful party July 25, honoring Jessie Amsbaugh, Ruth Olsen and Elsie Taylor. Fourteen ladies enjoyed games and genial sociability after which a dainty luncheon was served and gifts presented to the honored guests.

Mrs. Dick Lowry and her three children are vacationing in Long Beach. They traveled to Long Beach with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whitmore, who reside there and who have been guests at the Lowry home.

Robert Allison, Raymond Neering, Kenneth Sorensen, and Ray Telford, with their leader, Jack Johnson, represented the Vallejo ward in the centennial Scout Jamboree at Salt Lake City. Four thousand Scouts participated at the camp which was located near Fort Douglas, Utah.

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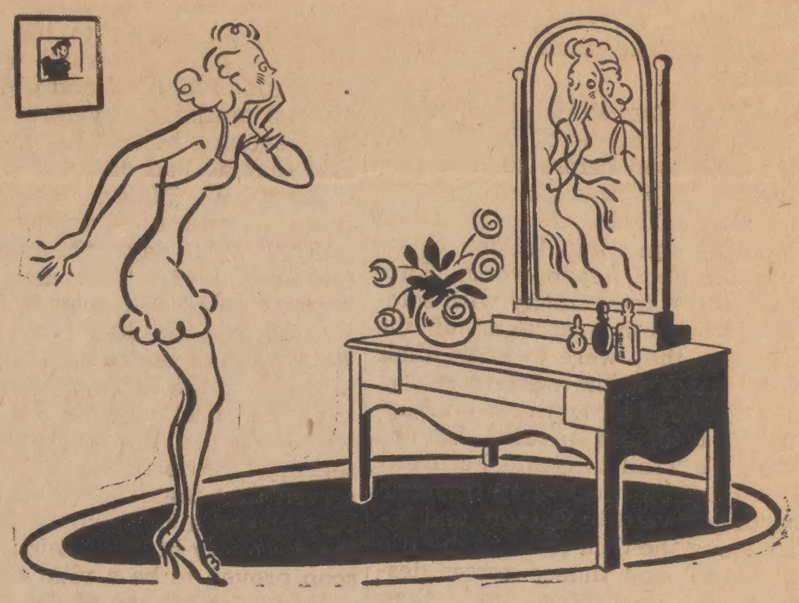

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THE MORMON BATTALION

BY MILTON R. HUNTER
Of First Council of the Seventy.

"The United States soldiers are coming!"

This cry traveled throughout the camps of Israel during the summer of 1846 while the exiled Saints were trudging wearily through the plains of Iowa. The Children of God had been driven from their homes on several different occasions and now they were headed toward a land where they could worship the Lord as they saw fit. Alarm and consternation spread among the persecuted ,exiled people, because they feared that the soldiers would heap upon them additional evil.

However, when Captain Allen, upon arriving in camp, explained to the Mormon leaders his mission, they learned that the soldiers were to be friendly. Allen had been sent by James K. Polk, President of the United States, to ask the Saints to furnish 500 men to assist in the war with Mexico. Brigham Young assured the Captain that his people would be happy to comply with the government's request. The pioneer leader also expressed his feelings to the Saints as follows:

"But this time you will probable exclaim: Is this Gospel? We answer yes. We shall raise these 500 men from among those who are driving teams between this and Council Bluffs and at those places. . . .

"If we want the privilege of going where we can worship God according to the dictates of our conscience, we must raise the Battalion. I say it is right; and who cares for sacrificing our comfort for a few years."

In fact, Brigham Young even saw the hand of God in the call that was being made of his people. He declared:

"The thing is from above for our good . . . This is the first time the government has stretched forth its arm to our assistance, and we received their proffers with joy and thankfulness. We feel confident the Battalion will have little or no fighting. Their pay will take their families to them."

Almost immediately 500 volunteers were recruited. On July 19, the afternoon before their departure, a "ball" was given in honor of the soldiers. The following morning they left Winter Quarters for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where, in company with soldiers from other sections of the country, they were to begin their long march to the western sea.

They left Leavenworth on August 12, 1846, and traveled over the Santa Fe Trail to Santa Fe, New Mexico. From there they traveled northwestward to Tucson, and later along the Gila river to the Rio Colorado; and thence across deserts and mountains until they reached the San Diego Mission in California. Upon their arrival there on January 29, 1847, they found the stars and stripes floating above the city. Brigham Young's prediction had been fulfilled. The soldiers had done no fighting; but they had endured one of the longest marches ever made by infantry. At the conclusion of their journey, Lieutenant-Colonel St. George Cook gave the following congratulations to the Battalion:

"History may be searched in vain for an equal march of infantry. Half of it has been through a wilderness where nothing but savages and wild beasts are found, or deserts where, for want of water, there is no living creature. There, with almost hopeless labor, we have dug wells, which the future traveler will enjoy.

"With crowbar and pick and ax in hand, we have worked our way over mountains, which seemed to defy aught save the wild goat, and hewed a passage through a chasm of living rock more narrow than our wagons to bring these first wagons to the Pacific. We have preserved the strength of our mules by herding them over large tracts, which you have laboriously guarded without loss.

"The garrisons of four presidios of Sonora concentrated within the walls of Tucson gave us no pause. We drove them out, with their artillery, but our intercourse with the citizens was unmarked by a single act of injustice. Thus, marching half naked and half fed, and living upon wild animals, we have discovered and made a road of great value to our country."

After they had completed a year in the services of their country, the majority of the Battalion members began their march for Utah to join their own people in July, 1847, just about the time of the arrival of the Mormon Pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley. However, 81 officers and men reenlisted for six months, and performed garrison service at San Diego.

Approximately 150 of the returning volunteers arrived in Salt Lake City in October. They had traveled northward through California to the Sacramento river and then eastward across the Sierra Nevada and the desert region to the gathering place of the Saints.

Upon their arrival at Captain Sutter's Fort on the junction of the American and Sacramento rivers at the present site of Sacramento, California, a similar number found employment at a good wage.

In August Captain Sutter sent Mr. Marshall with a party of about a dozen white men, nine of whom were discharged members of the Mormon Battalion, and about as many Indians, up the American Fork river to construct a sawmill. On January 24, 1848, Mr. Marshall, while walking along the creek bed near the mill, noticed some yellow particles mingled with the excavated earth. Sending an Indian to his cabin for a tin plate, Marshall washed out some of the soil and obtained a small quantity of yellow metal. That evening he told his companions that he had discovered gold.

Henry W. Bigler, one of the Battalion members, wrote in his journal that day: "Monday 24 (January 1848): This day some kind of metal has been found in the tail race that looks like gold." Thus it was from the journal of a member of the Mormon Battalion that the exact date of the event which startled the world was determined. Also, it is to be observed that these Battalion members played a conspicuous part in the discovery of gold which event soon proved to be a vital turning point in the history of California, as well as having its effect on the history of the entire West.

The discovery of gold is the historical event that turned the eyes of the civilized world to California. The next year after its discovery, a great wave of westward emigration passed through Utah toward the gold fields. Nearly 100,000 people settled in California during 1849. In seven years they added nearly $500,000,000 to the world's store of gold.

Between the time of the discovery of gold in January and the first of June, 1848, the Battalion members at Sutter's Fort did much successful mining of the precious metal. But when June arrived they heeded the instructions of the Mormon leaders, which were to come to Utah. Therefore, "they unhesitatingly laid down their wealth-winning implements, turned their backs on what all the world was just then making ready with hot haste and mustered strength to grab at and struggle for, and marched through new toils and dangers to meet their exiled friends in the desert" region of the Great Salt Lake Valley. It was there that Brigham Young had told his people: "This is the right place." The arrival of the Mormon Battalion members in Zion concluded one of the great epics in American history.

Artists Drawing of Handcart Company

An Artist's drawing of a Mormon handcart company gathering for an evening meal about a small camp fire. The bugler sounds the call and the weary travelers bring their meager food and the sticks they have gathered for the welcome rest and repast, if only the dark clouds will spare them from a downpour before they can place their tents. Seen in the background is the long train of handcarts and also two mounted horsemen guiding the train of handcarts, and at the right two other horsemen seem to be pointing to a place where some shelter may be found for the nights camp.

Johnson, Harmon And Stirrat

We learn from a formal announcement that the three brethern mentioned above, J. Edward Johnson and W. Glenn Harmon, both of Berkeley Ward, and John Stirrat of Oakland Ward, corporation lawyers of San Francisco, have recently associated themselves in the practice of law with William H .Henderson, formerly with the United States Department of Justice as Chief of Anti-Trust Division for the West Coast, We feel that congratulations are in order at this apparent evidence of the growth and prosperity of our brethern in their practice of law in the Bay Region.

Baptismal Clothes

It is the project of the Oakland Stake Primaries to have available in each ward, several sets of baptismal clothes, both for boys and girls.

It has come to our attention that parents sometimes fail to have this important ordinance performed at the proper time because they do not have the necessary clothes.

The cooperation of the parents in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Any clothes which you may wish to donate for this purpose should be delivered to the Primary President of your Ward.

Let's do our part to see that our children are baptized when they reach the age of eight.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR WILLARD D. ELLIS

One of the pillars of the local colony in Berkeley when the L.D.S. were scarce in these parts, one who served as first counsellor to W. Aird MacDonald in the S. F. Branch, and later senior high counsellor of the S. F. Stake then covering both sides of S. F. Bay, was Willard D. Ellis, whose funeral was held Tuesday, August 5. Coming to Berkeley in 1917, as a banker from Ogden, Willard Ellis became the head of the large and important Farm Credit Administration, an institution that serves the western states in the government's many financial operations in the interests of the farmers.

Alameda Ward

The Girls' Committee is now complete and functioning again. Fannie Bessey, chairman, has chosen Phyllis Everton and Thelma Jenkel as assistants who will also act as advisers. Blanche Crandall is the new secretary.

Harold Clayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clayson and Jerry Crandall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Crandall, have been visiting in Alameda. Both boys are in the navy. Harold has been in China for a year and Jerry is stationed at San Diego.

Martell and Lael Pederson, who have been attending the B.Y. U., were in Alameda last month at the James Stam residence. Hopes are high that they may returin to live here again.

The office of an Elder was conferred upon Irving Campbell on Sunday, July 27.

Bee Hive Girls, under the direction of Helen Allen and Evelyn Fink, are busily making plans for the Centennial encampment which will be held in Redwood Park, August 13, 14 and 15. Girls, twelve to fourteen, inclusive, are invited to participate.

Thelma Jenkel entertained her Sunday School class at a party July 25. Special guests included Superintendent and Mrs. Leo Crandall and Mrs. Fannie Bessey of the Girls' Committee.

Sister LaVina Holdaway, who has been confined to her home for many weeks because of a broken arm, has recovered sufficiently to make a trip to Salt Lake City. She plans to be gone about two months.

Keith Davis, formerly a member of Alameda Ward, has been released from the service and will leave for the North Central States Mission on September 8. He attributes much of his knowledge of the Gospel and his interest in the Church to members of this Ward. At present he is with his parents in Ashland, Oregon.

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Ward Conference will be held in Alameda on Sunday, August 17. It is hoped that each organization will be fully organized and ready.

BIRTHS

The Podwys family are delighted with the new addition to their family. A second son, weighing seven pounds, two ounces, arrived July 29.

June and Odell Christensen welcomed their little daughter, Susan, on July 27. Her weight was eight pounds, two ounces. Odell is our very efficient Ward clerk.

Marie, the new daughter of Kenneth and Alice Yates arrived July 18, weighing eight pounds, six ounces. She is the granddaughter of Apostle and Mrs. Henry D. Moyle, who were visitors at the last Oakland Stake Conference.

DEATHS

Funeral services were held, under the direction of Howard Dunn of the Alameda Ward Bishopric, on Tuesday, July 22, for Jan Paul, the eight month old son of Francis and Rose Winkel. Speakers included Wendell Jensén and Howard Dunn. Music was rendered by Emmy Stam. The prayers were given by Oscar Fontana and Bishop Thys Winkel, uncle of the child.

The child became suddenly ill with a virus pneumonia and was taken to the hospital Sunday morning and passed away that same night. He was taken to Richfield, Utah, for interment.

The family wish to express gratitude for the sympathetic interest and help of their many friends.

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L.D.S. Handcart Companies

Almost all we average Latter-Day Saints know about the handcart method of crossing the plains is a little regarding the handcart disaster of 1856. "Just as the Donner party epitomizes the suffering of the California-bound emigrants, so this story of a handcart brigade is the crowning tragedy of the Mormon Trail," aptly comments Irene D. Paden in her book, "The Wake of the Prairie Schooner."

This manner of emigration began in 1856 and ended in 1860, as far as the Church is concerned, though California emigrants had before that used carts and even the far humbler wheel barrow as means of reaching their lands of gold.

The local Ellsworth families have the first honors perhaps, in handcart emigration in that grandfather Edmund Ellsworth was the leader of the first hand cart company ever to arrive in the Salt Lake valley, a brigade of 266 souls with 52 hand carts arriving September 26, 1856. "This journey has been performed with less than the average amount of mortality attending ox teams and although somewhat fatigued, stepped out with alacrity to the last, and appeared buoyant and cheerful," The Deseret News reported.

Edmund Ellsworth was returning in 1856 from a mission abroad. It will be recalled that he had originally come to Utah with the First Camp on July 24, 1847.

Ruth Hilton can be said in truth to be also highly honored in the noble part her grandfather, Levi Savage, played in the hand cart tragedy of the latter part of that same year, 1856. He was that year returning from an heroic mission to preach the Gospel in far off Siam and Ceylon. When the majority of the leaders in charge of that belated handcart company still insisted in their determination to press on to the Salt Lake valley (though it was the 19th of August when they left Old Winter Quarters, now Florence) Levi Savage is quoted in Chislett's Narrative as having said "What I have said I know to be true."

He had strongly urged that they overwinter at Florence, "but seeing that you are to go forward, I will go with you; will help you all I can; will work with you; will rest with you, will suffer with you, and if necessary will die with you. May God in mercy bless and preserve us." And B. H. Roberts in his "Comprehensive History of the Church," comments: "He lived up to his promise; no man, says the narrative, worked harder than he to alleviate the suffering which he had forseen, when he had to endure it."

"The one redeeming feature of this unfortunate incident in L. D. S. history was the heroic efforts of the people in the Salt Lake valley to save these unfortunate companies of emigrants," says Roberts in his Volume IV., and he thereupon preserves the names of seventeen of these gallant men, among them being Hosea Stout an ancestor of the local Stout families, and Joseph Simmons, grandfather of Rachel Ball (Mrs. I. B. Ball).

Handcart Letter

Copy of a letter written from near Ft. Bridger, Wyoming, by Joseph Marcellus Simmons, grandfather of Rachel H. Ball. He had gone from Salt Lake City with a relief company to assist the stricken handcart emigrants:

HANDCART COMPANY CAMP ON MUDDY, TWELVE MILES FROM BRIDGER

November 14, 1856.

Brother Horace:

As some of our company start for the city tomorrow morning, I improve the opportunity by writing you a few scrawls. I am sitting, not on the stile, Mary, but on a sack of oats with the paper on my knee, by the side of a blazing campfire, surrounded by some eight hundred persons; one old lady lays dead within twenty feet of me; babies crying; some singing, some praying, etc., etc., but among all this I feel to rejoice for the hand of the Lord has been continually with us.

Almost every day angry storms arise, very threatening, and judging from their appearance one would think that we should be unable to withstand the tempest, but the prayers of the holy men of God are heard, the clouds divide to the right and to the left, letting the Saints pass through in safety. The suffering of the camp from frozen feet and various other causes, I will not attempt to describe. Suffice to say Bad! BAD! **BAD!**

The boys, including your humble servant, are all enjoying the blessing of health, lively in their feelings and doing all in their power to make the Saints comfortable. We have some seventy wagons, divided into six divisions, one captain appointed over each, but all make one camp at night. We intend reaching the valley next Saturday, but this calculation is founded upon the faith of our Heavenly Father being continually with us, staying the storm as in the past, for without the help of high heaven, we should have been snowbound in the mountains long ago. . . .

Brother Burton is writing to Brother Brigham and will probably present more fully the situation of the camp. At all events this is all you will get from me this time. Give my love to everybody. May our Heavenly Father bless Brothers Brigham, Heber, Jedeiah, all the Saints throughout the world, and all honest hearted people.

Your devoted friend,

J. M. SIMMONS.

P. S.—John Whitney says he is all right except his frosted toes.

Negroes With First Pioneers

It might surprise the Daughters of the Pioneers to have a negress or several negresses sometime announce themselves as descendants of members of the first Camp of the Pioneers under Brigham Young. But it could happen, and their statements might be absolutely correct. Here is how.

We'll start by asking if you have ever heard of the "Mississippi Company" of pioneers who came along with the original pioneer company? "The Mississippi company originally consisted of fourteen families from Monroe County, Missisippi, under the leadership of William Crosby and John Brown, who left their homes April 8, 1846, for the west, expecting to fall in with some of the first camps of the Saints en route from Nauvoo to the Rocky Mountains," writes Roberts in Volume IV of his history. Arriving at Ft. Laramie and learning that there was no migration going on that year, they decided to camp east of the mountains, going to Pueblo for the winter, where to their surprise they were joined later that year (1846) by the sick detachments of the Mormon Battalion.

While this company was camped at Pueblo, eight of the Mississippi men started back to bring their families from Mississippi, but receiving counsel from President Young to leave their families at home for the winter and to gather up all the men they could and come to Winter quarters to join an advance party who were to pioneer a way to the Great Basin and prepare a place for the body of saints, these Mississippi men hurried on to Winter Quarters, bringing with them "four colored servants," that is to say, slaves, according to Roberts. Three of these Mississippi white men, John Brown, Matthew Ivory and David Powell, and two negroes, joined the first company of 143 pioneers and are listed in the 13th Ten with John Brown as Captain, while another of the negroes is listed in the 14th Ten. The names of the three negroes were: Hank Lay, Oscar Crosby and Green Flake.

Caretaker Needed

Mr. C. Tracy Stout, phone Ashberry 7900, writes of a friend in Castro Valley, a widow whose husband died recently. This lady has a large house and quite a plot of property. She would like to know of a man and wife who would be willing to share her home wit hher and possibly assist in some way in keeping the place up. She is described as "a little old lady" and it is thought that a couple in their fifties would be best. If interested, call Brother Stout.

Treasure Island News

It has been brought to the attention of the Messenger that there are still several L.D.S. Servicemen's Groups meeting in the Bay Area. Among these is the Treasure Island Servicemen's Group, comprised of appriximately thirty servicemen and one Wave.

The group, which meets at 6:30 each Friday evening is composed mostly of students of the Navy's Electronics Materiel school and several Marines who are attached to the Marine barracks.

The group is under the leadership of ETM 2-c Fred Weibel of Midvale, Utah. He is assisted by his counselors ETM 2-c Virgil Weatherford of Rockland, Idaho, and Marine PFC Garth Wright of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Also members of the group leadership committee are the group secretary and two members of the group music committee.

The group is at present studying the "Principles of the Gospel," the small pocket-sized book given by the church to all servicemen.

The group has had several highly inspirational programs at wards in the Oakland Stake in the past two months. The Servicemen's chorus, which is lead by Robert T. Divett of Salt Lake City, received much praise after its first public appearance at the Elmhurst Ward on Mother's Day.

Other Servicemen's groups now meeting in the Northern California area are at the Presidio, San Francisco; Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg; and on board the USS Boxer which is presently tied up at Hunters Point, San Francisco.

'Brooklyn' Colony

Fred J. Hatt of Oakland Ward sends the Messenger interesting data regarding his great grandparents who came with Sam Brannan and the 240 saints on the famous ship, "Brooklyn" which made American front page history July 31, 1846, by being the first American colony to land in California under the Stars and Stripes.

"Ambrose Moses and wife came to San Francisco with Sam Brannan on the ship "Brooklyn". Ann Francis Moses, a daughter, married Eustagqueo Valencia. She died in 1859 and became the first non-Catholic to be buried at Mission Delores in San Francisco.

"A daughter of this marriage, Lydia Ensign Valencia, married John Jay Hardy in San Francisco or Santa Rosa, and two daughters were born to this couple, Juanita and Clara Hardy. Clara is my mother. Lydia Ensign Valencia divorced Hardy, after which she and mother moved to Utah together with mother's sister, also named Clara, who later became a plural wife of Angus M. Cannon, Sr., in Salt Lake City. My mother married Frederick James Hatt in the Logan temple in 1890."

Gridley Stake

This is a snap shot of the Latter Day Saint social hall in Gridley, California, in the old Liberty Ward location. This old building is surrounded by a prune and peach orchard. We are informed by President John C. Todd also that the saints came to Gridley in 1906 (easy to remember because it is the year also of the San Francisco earthquake), Geo. Cole being the first branch president. At first the church held meetings in the Gridley Opera House, erecting the social hall in 1909, which is the oldest L.D.S. church-owned building in Northern California, still used for recreation and some other meetings. In 1912 the present chapel in Gridley was erected since which "we have rested on our laurels, until" says President Todd, "it is hoped in the very future to build a fine ward and stake house for Gridley."

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LEO PARRY'S HAND-CART ANCESTORS

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up with their own company and entered Salt Lake Valley.

William X. Jones was a plasterer by trade. He made much of the ornamental plaster which was placed in the early buildings of Salt Lake. He built the Jones Court in the 15th Ward, Salt Lake City, and was a member of the Tabernacle choir for many years.

He knew what it meant in the summer to go barefooted and in the winter to wrap his feet in burlap. At the time of the call for the Echo Canyon expedition, he had just purchased a pair of shoes. When he was unable to go, he gave the shoes to another man who was going but did not have any shoes. Grandfather then had to go without shoes for another long period of time.

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San Leandro Ward

Members of our Ward who enjoyed the Centennial celebrations in Utah over the 24th of July, included Newell and Helen Christensen, also Harry Maurer of the Stake Sunday School board and family.

The Oakland and Berkeley Stakes celebration of the memorable 24th at the picnic and outing held at Indian Camp, Tilden Park on July 25, was enjoyed by many.

This week more than one hundred and fifty pounds of Kentucky Wonder beans have been harvested for the Stake welfare project. Congratulations to all workers.

On the evening of the 30th of July a very delightful time was enjoyed by more than fifty members, swimming at a local pool and an out-of-doors supper, served in the beautifully equipped garden of our Bishop A. Gifford Jackson and his talented wife, Verna, assisted by her mother, Ida Fall. Such outings certainly bind a ward into a real family.

Enjoyed during the past month has been our adult fireside group after Sacrament meetings. Half an hour is devoted to a lesson taken from the book, "This Day and Always," with informal discussion; refreshments following. Hostesses since our organization have been Helen Christensen, Verna Jackson, Myrtle Davidson, Beth Chamberlain, Ruby Ostler, Catherine Marsh. These groups have brought a fine friendship and understanding.

The Junior Fireside group has also enjoyed their evenings.

We have enjoyed many fine speakers at our Sacrament meetings, including James Muir, Owen L. Stewart, Wilfred Snyder, Donald S. Rowberry, James Fishburn, Harry R. Fletcher, and our Bishop A. G. Jackson.

The Bishopric has received letters from our two Missionaries, Milton Wells in the Texas-Louisana Mission, and Howard J. Marsh, who has just reached Argentina. Both missionaries are in the highest of spirits. Our daily prayers and blessings are with them in their noble work.

The Priesthood quorums are keeping up their activities to the fullest during this vacation months.

It is with deep sentiment that we announce the departure from our midst of David L. and Beth Chamberlin and their family to the Berkeley Stake. Brother Chamberlin is a counselor in the Bishopric and Beth an excellent worker in the Junior Sunday School. They will be very greatly missed by all **members of the Ward** for their friendship, and **untiring cheerful** efforts. We wish them much joy in their **new home.**

SHIP "BROOKLYN" DESCENDANTS

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the mother took her family to Utah where she could be with more of the people of her Church.

"My father was eight years old at the time they left California for the Salt Lake Valley," says Sister Perkins. "He married my mother, Phoebe Smith, in 1876. They reared nine children of whom I am the youngest."

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Oakland Stake Summer Primary

The Primary Organizations of Oakland Stake are having a very interesting summer. Dimond and Oakland Wards have been "Pioneers", and if you would like to see some very fine maps, showing the trek of the Pioneers, and of the Mormon Battalion; and also some very clever miniature log houses, covered wagons, oxen, buckets and churns, tepees, and tiny Pioneer Mothers, Fathers, and children, do visit these wards. Little hands have been very busy modeling, sewing ,and shaping.

ELMHURST Ward Primary children have had a unique opportunity this summer. After preliminary exercises in the Chapel, the children are escorted by the Primary teachers to Toler Heights School, which is but a stone's throw from the Ward. For very young children, there are stories songs and coloring.

For Group Two, the six and seven-year olds, there is clay work and simple handicraft.

Zion's Boys and Girls, the eight-year olds, are making plate pot holders, learning to do spool weaving, which they will make into such articles as purses, doll house rugs, hot pads, etc.

The Homebuilder girls are making little sombreros, which are used as lapel pins or pin cushions, and are also learning textile painting. The Trailbuilder boys are doing leather work.

Besides these fine activities, they have had a "Sports Day," including games and a picnic; plays have been presented to them, and for the older children an interesting excursion was the roller skating at Rollerland, and a trip through the Golden Gate Ice Cream factory on July 18.

The older children who attend regularly throughout the summer will be entitled to attend Day Camp which will be held August 18 to 22.

This is a truly splendid opportunity for the children and one over which they are exceedingly enthusiastic. They have the advantage of a well trained leader, and a splendid supply of materials, yet the spiritual side of Primary is still interwoven.

The Recreation Department directors of the city are most enthusiastic over the group and the things which they are accomplishing.

The first Sunday night in August has been set aside as Primary night in most of the Wards. Their programs will be interesting—parents, we urge you to attend!

ORIGINAL PIONEERS LIVE IN PAC. GROVE

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with the original band of pioneers).

"I live with my wife at 411 Central avenue, Pacific Grove, California. We have three sons and one daughter, all married with families. One son, Fred R. Decker, lives in Carmel, California. The other two, Dean K. and Hal M. live in Salinas, California. Our daughter, Irene Decker Cobiseeno, lives in Robles Del Rio, California.

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"Brooklyn" Colony

On February 4, 1846, the 450-ton ship, the "Brooklyn" hauled anchor in New York harbor and put to sea with two hundred thirty-eight Saints crowding her rails, headed for San Francisco Bay via the Cape of Good Hope. "By curious coincidence this was the very day the first pioneers crossed the Mississippi's ice and plunged into the unknown west," writes Paul Bailey in his virile book, "Sam Brannan and the California Mormons," and he adds, "Cost of rebuilding the old "Brooklyn" and stocking her hold with everything from encyclopedias to saw mills has been estimated at over $16,000. . . . Few colonizations expeditions ever were better planned. Tools and equipment of every conceiveable variety filled the hold. Seeds, chickens, pigs, and even milch cows were crammed into the little vessel. And carefully stowed aboard was the five-ton printing press and equipment."

The faithful "Brooklyn" plunged steadily onward toward California, and, after first stopping at Honolulu, sighted the Golden Gate and came to anchor in San Francisco bay July 31, 1846, after nearly six months of weary travel.

We have made one mistake in our thinking about this heroic L. D. S. colonizing achievement. We have been unable to see any other figure or any other achievement than that of its romantic leader, Sam Brannon. This is sadly unfair to the whole expedition and to one-third, at least, of its members who proved themselves faithful Latter-Day Saints, and returned, as counseled, to Utah and took an important part in the upbuilding of the West. If Brannon had died and other leadership taken over, or if he had proved faithful, the arduous pains of the great pioneering journey of the "Brooklyn" colony would ocupy its rightful high place among such other exploits as Zion's Camp and the Mormon Battalion's marches. Let us remember and do reverent honor to the eighty of that patient "Brooklyn" group who suffered for their faith and proved valiant even while so many others were disillusioned, due to the wickedness of their appointed leader.

Handcart Sire Of Leo Dow Young

The grandmother of Leo Dow Young of Dimond ward pushed a handcart across the plains. She later married Lorenzo D .Young and is known to history as Ellen Young. She was an emigrant girl from Wales and was taken into the home of Lorenzo Young by Harriet Decker Young by whom she was given to Lorenzo as his sixth wife. Brother Leo Dow Young says, "I used to like to sleep in grandmother's bed of down tick and down comforter; oh, so soft! And could she cook! Oh my!

Elmhurst Ward

Quite a number of families from the Ward spent their vacations in Salt Lake and enjoyed the Centennial festivities. Those who have returned report a wonderful time. On July 22 a number of members from Elmhurst Ward gathered at Covey's Coffee Shop and renewed their friendship with Rex McKean, a former member of our Ward, and now manager at Covey's in Salt Lake City.

July 16 a lovely steak dinner was served to two hundred people in our ward. The Elders' Quorum and their wives took charge. Congratulations to them and to any who helped to make it such a success. Another dinner is being planned for August, date to be announced later. The proceeds from these dinners are for the Stake's Tabernacle fund. Come and have a good time and help a good cause.

Shirley Mae Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGlenn E. Smith, and Spencer DeVaine Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Williams of Rawlings, Wyoming, were married in the Logan Temple on July 29. A reception was held in the Memorial hall Memory Grove, Salt Lake, in the evening, and a large number of friends on vacation from Oakland were able to attend. The bride has been entertained at several showers, and her mother entertained at a trosseau tea. Shirley has been an ardent worker for several years in Mutual and Junior Sunday School where she served as organist in both organizations.

Congratulations, Shirley and Dwaine.

James MacFarlane, Jr., has returned home to civilian life. Elmhurst is glad to have you back, Jim.

Congratulations to Bishop and Lucille Shaw. They have a new little bud on their family tree, a daughter, born June 30, making three daughters and three sons. Lucille has been very ill but is improving and we hope she will be able to be amongst us again soon.

Mrs. Mabel Bowen and Miss Florence Lund from Salt Lake have been house guests at the home of Brother and Sister Carl Lund.

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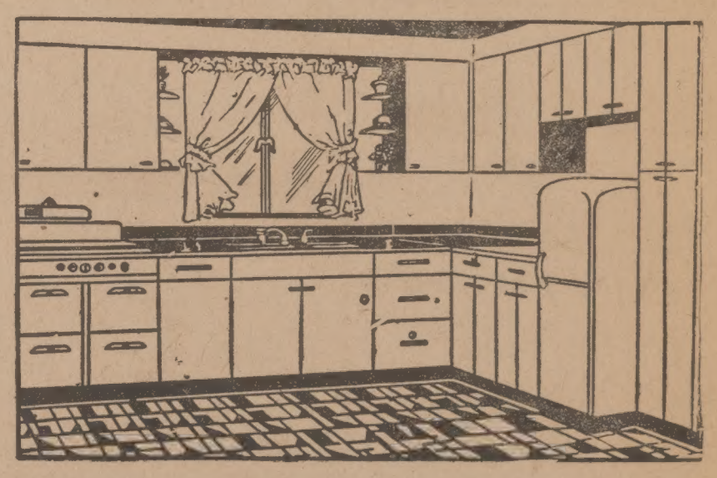

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